Commonwealth Games 2010

556. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: WHI the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commonwealth Games management has expressed dissatisfaction over the ongoing preparations for the Commonwealth Games 2010 to be held in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is likely to adversely affect the image of India at international level, and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKARAIYAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Criteria for selection of cricket players

† 557. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to frame guidelines regarding selection process of players in view of popularity of cricket in India and the recent controversies;

(b) whether these controversies have affected the morale of cricket players and image of the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), which is the recognized National Sports Federation for cricket is a registered autonomous body. The selection of teams falls within their perview. The Government of India have no role to play in the selection process.

Regarding their selection process, BCCI have stated that they appoint a panel of selectors consisting of cricketers who have played for

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